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In re Application of:  
Faan-Hoan Liu et al.

Examiner: Butler, Dennis M.

Art Unit: 2180

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
ALLOWING COMMUNICATION  
BETWEEN A HOST COMPUTER AND  
AT LEAST TWO STORAGE DEVICES  
OVER A SINGLE INTERFACE (AS  
AMENDED)

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed on April 5, 2001 in the above-referenced patent application, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to enter the following amendment and to consider the following remarks.

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